



**Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation**  
**TDEC Environmental Protection Specialist 1 (flex 2)—Nashville Environmental Field Office**  
**Division of Water Resources**  
**Annual Salary Range: \$38,460 - \$61,548**

**About the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC)**

The Department exists to enhance the quality of life for citizens of Tennessee and to be stewards of our natural environment by:

- Protecting and promoting human health and safety.
- Protecting and improving the quality of Tennessee's land, air, and water.
- Conserving and promoting natural, cultural and historic resources.
- Providing a variety of quality outdoor recreational experiences.

TDEC has approximately 2,900 employees working across Tennessee supported by a total budget of more than \$300 million with funding from fees for services, state parks revenue, federal sources, and the state general fund. TDEC is the chief environmental and natural resource regulatory agency in Tennessee with delegated responsibility from the U.S. EPA to regulate sources of air pollution, radiological health issues, solid and hazardous waste, underground storage tanks, water pollution, water supply, and groundwater pollution. TDEC has a central office in Nashville and eight (8) regional offices across the state serving as the primary point of contact for their respective regions.

**About the Division of Water Resources**

The Division of Water Resources (DWR) is responsible for managing, protecting and enhancing the quality of the state's water resources through voluntary, regulatory and educational programs. The Division provides regulatory oversight for public drinking water systems and supplies; issues permits for discharges, alterations and activities protective of Tennessee's water resources; monitors and models the health of Tennessee's water resources; and provides outreach and education in and about Tennessee's watersheds. Specific program areas include: drinking water; national pollutant discharge elimination system (NPDES) permitting; aquatic resource alteration permits (ARAP); state operating permits (SOP); subsurface sewage disposal (SSD) permits; watershed assessment and water quality monitoring; impaired waters 303 (d) listing / Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL); as well as water quality standards.

**Summary of Position**

This Preferred Service technical leadership position is located in the Nashville Environmental Field Office (EFO) in Davidson County. The selected candidate will report to the Assistant Program Manager of the Division's Nashville EFO. Some of the key responsibilities of this position will include: leading and conducting thorough sanitary survey inspections of the community and non-community drinking water systems in the region; providing technical assistance and guidance regarding Safe Drinking Water Act standards; working with other technical staff in the region on Drinking Water program initiatives; interacting frequently with drinking water system operators, utility managers and local leaders regarding drinking water compliance; assisting customers with concerns regarding their drinking water.

## **Knowledge, Skills and Abilities**

The successful candidate for this position will have demonstrated experience and proficiency in the following skills:

- Extensive knowledge and experience in Safe Drinking Water Act requirements; knowledge and understanding of public drinking water systems, water treatment and distribution; experienced in laboratory analyses relevant to drinking water system monitoring.
- Demonstrate critical thinking through problem solving, independent judgment, and self directed activities. Deals with concepts and complexity comfortably.
- Able to write clearly and succinctly in a variety of communication settings and styles getting information across with the desired effect.
- Is task oriented; able to break down work into the process steps; develops schedules and anticipates/adjusts for problems and roadblocks. Measures performance against goals and evaluates results.
- Is dedicated to meet the expectations and requirements of internal and external customers. Establishes and maintains effective relationships with customers and gains their trust and respect while demonstrating high integrity and good judgment.

**Education and Experience:** Graduation from an accredited college or university with a bachelor's degree in environmental science, physical science, ecology, sustainability, life sciences, environmental health, engineering or acceptable science or natural resource related field.

**Substitution of Education for Experience:** Graduate course work received from an accredited college or university in engineering may substitute for the required experience on a month-for-month basis to a maximum of one year (e.g. 24 graduate semester hours or 36 graduate quarter hours in engineering may substitute for one year of the required experience).

All interested candidates should submit applications via the Tennessee Department of Human Resources website at <http://www.tn.gov/dohr/employment/applicant.shtml> and search under Vacancies for the position with the title, TDEC-ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION SPEC 1\*— 153642. The position will remain posted until July 12, 2016. TDEC is an AA/EEO/ADA employer.